CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A locking device for a cover of a glove compartment of motor vehicles, which is positioned so as to swivel on an associated frame, comprising:

first and second locking bars, the locking bars having locking sections engaging behind an associated locking contour on the frame to hold the cover in a closed position, ~~and~~ at least one of the locking bars including a catch element thereon,

an actuation element by which the locking bars are synchronously displaceable in opposite directions from **[[**a**]]** locked ~~position~~ positions to **[[**a**]]** release ~~position~~ positions for opening the cover, and

a detent element secured to the cover that automatically cooperates with said catch element to hold the locking bars in said release positions,

wherein the actuation element is positioned ~~on a frame~~ at one side of the frame and has a disengaging element that, for opening the cover, interacts with ~~its locking section on~~ the first locking ~~bar, displacing it in the opening direction~~ bar to displace the first locking bar into its release position, the second locking bar also being moved into its release position.

12. (Currently amended) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein the locking bars are spring-loaded ~~in the direction of their detent advancement~~ toward the locked positions.

13. (Previously presented) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein both locking bars of the cover are constructed as sliding locks.

14. (Previously presented) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein the locking bars are mechanically coupled to each other by a gear.

15. (Currently amended) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein the locking sections of both locking bars are disposed on opposite narrow sides of the cover, and wherein ~~the direction of each detent advancement~~ synchronous displacement of the locking bars occurs in opposite directions.

16. (Currently amended) The locking device according to claim **[[**11**]]** 15, wherein the locking bars comprise toothed rack sections with which a gear wheel meshes ~~reversing the movement direction~~ to produce the synchronous displacement.

17. (Currently amended) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein the actuation element comprises a push button, and **[[**a**]]** wherein said disengaging ~~element, moving~~ element moves transversely to **[[**its**]]** an advancement ~~direction, by which~~ direction of the push button so as to displace

the locking section of the first locking bar ~~can be displaced~~ into its release position.

18. (Previously presented) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein the cover is spring-loaded in the direction of opening.

19. (Currently amended) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein the ~~locking bars are held in open positions by a locking element, the locking~~ detent element being automatically brought to the release position during a closing movement of the cover.

20. (Currently amended) The locking device according to claim 11, wherein said locking sections of the locking bars exit from pass-through openings on narrow sides of the cover and engage in locking recesses which are positioned in wall sections of the frame opposite the pass-through openings.

21. (Currently amended) The locking device according to claim 19, wherein the ~~locking~~ detent element is a detent pawl.